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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TDY ASSISTANCE FOR INSPECTION

1. AT SCA'S REQUEST AND WITH ITS CONCURRENCE, WE ARE SEEKING THE ASSISTANCE OF A HIGHLY QUALIFIED CONSULAR OFFICER TO BOLSTER THE PANAMA AND CARIBBEAN INSPECTION WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 1977 TO JANUARY 25, 1978. THIS ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FUNCTION IN A REGION EXPERIENCING SERIOUS MANAGEMENT/POLICY/PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS PROBLEMS IN CONSULAR AFFAIRS. S/IG HAS ONLY TWO CONSULAR OFFICERS ON ITS STAFF, AND THEY ARE ASSIGNED THIS FALL TO AN EVALUATION OF THE WHOLE CONSULAR FUNCTION REQUESTED BY THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT AND THE CONGRESS.

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2. KENNETH KELLER HAS BEEN SUGGESTED TO US BY SCA FOR THE PANAMA/CARIBBEAN INSPECTION, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE EMBASSY HAS GIVEN APPROVAL IN PRINCIPAL TO THIS TDY ASSIGNMENT.

3. RECOGNIZING YOUR OWN NEEDS FOR KELLER, WE PROPOSE TO

KEEP HIM FOR ONLY THE MINIMAL TIME ESSENTIAL TO EVALUATE
THE KEY CONSULAR OPERATIONS IN THE AREA, AND NOT FOR THE

FULL PERIOD OF THE INSPECTION. WE ARE IN FACT PLANNING
THE INSPECTION AROUND HIS AVAILABILITY FOR THOSE POSTS
FLAGGED BY SCA AS REQUIRING PARTICULAR ATTENTION (PANAMA,
KINGSTON, PORT AU PRINCE, SANTO DOMINGO AND BRIDGETOWN).
TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE NEED MR. KELLER FOR THE PERIOD
SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 TO MEET THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULE.

SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30 - BRIEFINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 4 THROUGH 11 - PANAMA
OCTOBER 13 THROUGH 19 - KINGSTON
OCTOBER 21 THROUGH 28 - PORT AU PRINCE
OCTOBER 31 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11 - SANTO DOMINGO
NOVEMBER 15 THROUGH 22 - BRIDGETOWN
NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH 30 - DEBRIEFINGS AND WRAP-UP IN DEPT.

YOUR WILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO A SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH
NOVEMBER 30 TDY WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO
THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO UPGRADE CONSULAR OPERATIONS
AND TO RESPOND TO SERIOUS CONCERNS ON CAPITOL HILL.
BARBARA WATSON SUPPORTS ME IN THIS REQUEST. VANCE

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